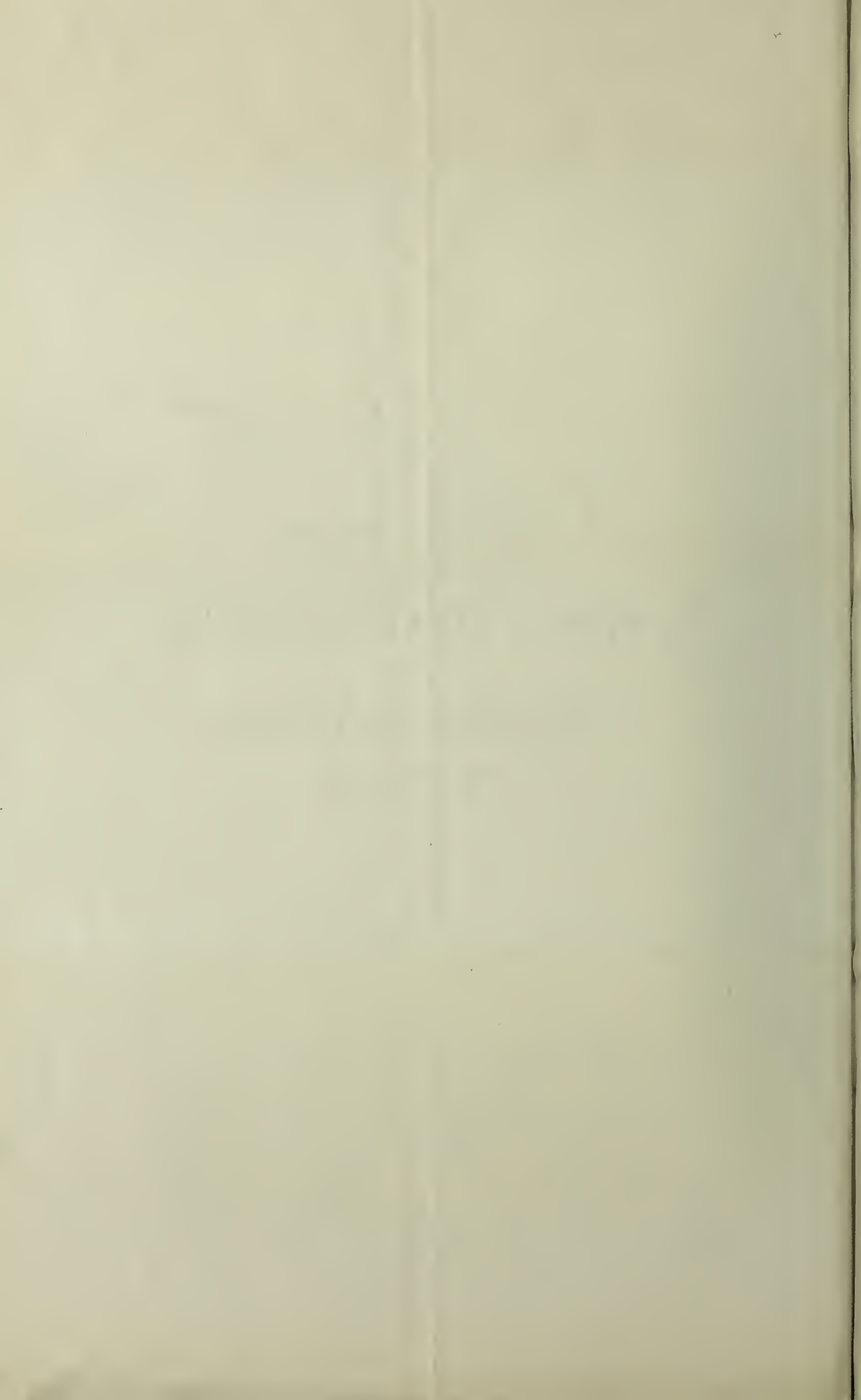


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To the Chairman and Members of the
Cottingham Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

During the year 1907, the number of deaths registered in your district was 48 as against 60 in 1906, 53 in 1905, and 57 in 1904, being at the rate of 12 per thousand of the population.

The following were the ages at which the deaths took place:—

Under One Year	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
1 Year and under 5	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
5 Years and under 15	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
15 Years and under 25	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
25 Years and under 65	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Over 65	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
TOTAL							48

The causes of the deaths and the months in which they took place are as follows:—

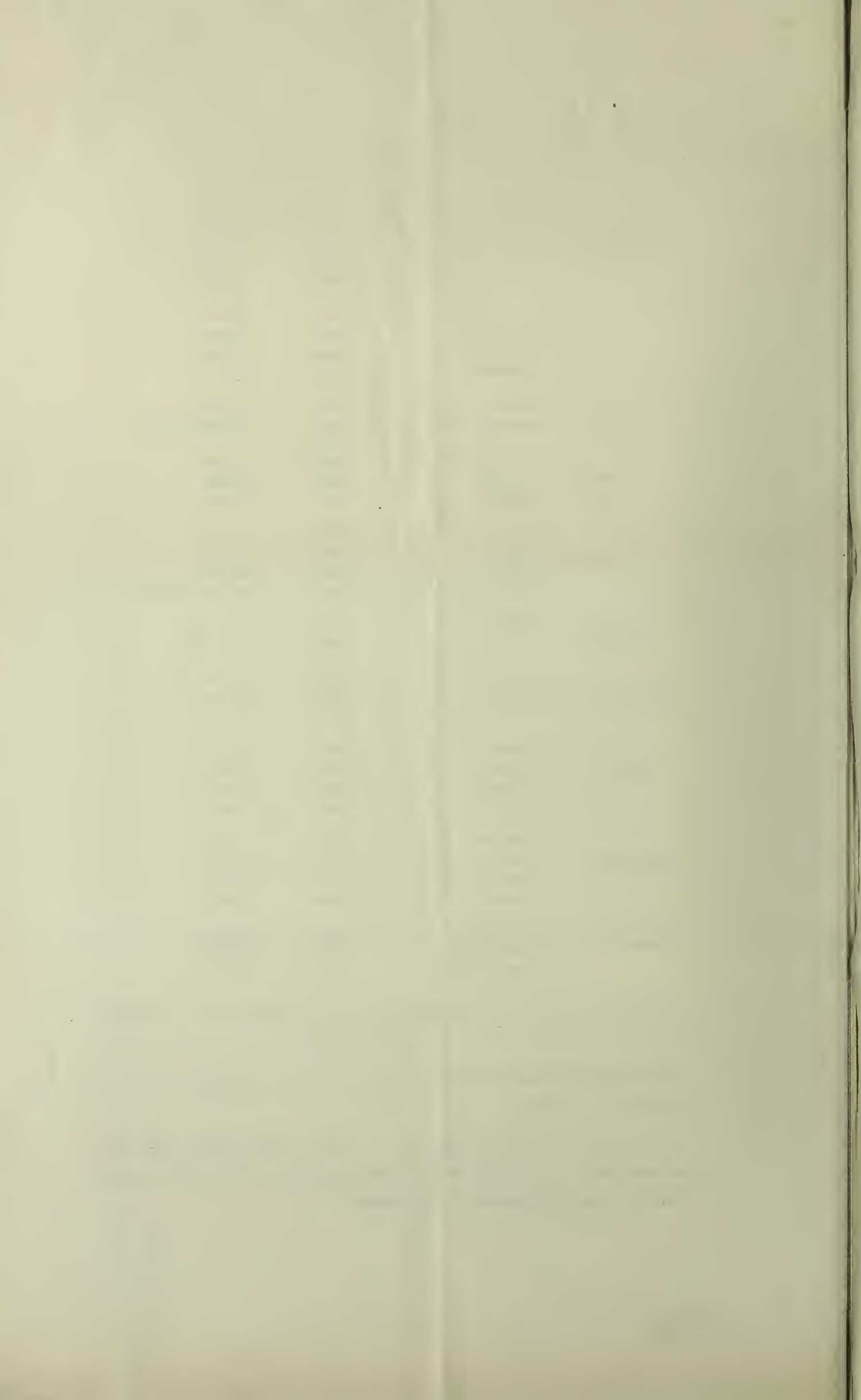
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January—8	Cancer	...	male ... 51 years
	Pneumonia	...	female ... 53 years
	Tubucle	...	female ... 19 years
	Paralysis	...	male ... 42 years
	Pneumonia	...	male ... 13 years
	Premature Birth	...	male ... 5 days
	Pneumonia	...	male ... 3 years
	Heart Disease	...	male ... 60 years
February—6	Heart Disease	...	female ... 75 years
	Pneumonia	...	male ... 77 years
	Tubucle	...	male ... 30 years
	Premature Birth	...	male ... 1 hour
	Pneumonia	...	female ... 9 months
	Paralysis	...	male ... 56 years

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March—5	{	Senile Decay	male ...	88 years
		Cancer	female ...	57 years
		Pneumonia	male ...	61 years
		Bronchitis	...	...	female ...	11 months
		Tubercle	...	...	male ...	1 month
April—4	{	Pneumonia	...	...	female ...	9 months
		Bronchitis	...	...	female ...	52 years
		Pneumonia	...	...	female ...	66 years
		Diarrhœa	...	...	male ...	1 year
May—2	{	Cancer	...	...	female ...	59 years
		Accidental Death	...	...	male ...	67 years (inquest)
June—3	{	Premature Birth	...	...	female ...	14 hours
		Paralysis	...	...	female ...	80 years
		Pneumonia	...	...	male ...	35 years
July—4	{	Epilepsy	...	...	female ...	18 years
		Pneumonia	...	...	female ...	4 years
		Paralysis	...	...	male ...	59 years
		Accidental Death	...	...	male ...	56 years (inquest)
August—2	{	Tubercle	...	...	male ...	61 years
		Bronchitis	...	...	male ...	90 years
September—3	{	Premature Birth	...	...	male ...	15 hours
		Paralysis	...	...	male ...	61 years
		Senile Decay	...	...	female ...	69 years
October—4	{	Marasmus	...	...	male ...	4 months
		Pneumonia	...	...	male ...	4 years
		Pneumonia	...	...	female ...	54 years
		Senile Decay	...	...	male ...	77 years
November—4	{	Atelectasis	...	...	male ...	1 month
		Phthisis	...	...	male ...	60 years
		Premature Birth	...	...	male ...	10 days
		Pneumonia	...	...	female ...	27 years
December—3	{	Convulsions	...	...	male ...	5 months
		Senile Decay	...	...	male ...	83 years
		Kidney Disease	...	...	female ...	30 years

It will be seen from the foregoing list that Pneumonia is responsible for 13 deaths, Tubercle 4, Cancer 3, Heart Disease 2.

The Infant Mortality under one year was 12, as compared with 13 in 1906 and 18 in 1905.

The number of Births registered in your district during the same period was 106, viz.: 56 boys and 50 girls—as against 109 births in 1906; the births being 58 in excess of the deaths.



There have been 28 cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year, viz.:—

Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Continued Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
TOTAL								<u>28</u>

A difference of 30 as compared with 1906.

During the month of January there was an outbreak of Measles and Influenza. It was so bad that on my representing the state of affairs to the School Authorities the Cottingham County Council School was closed from January 29th to February 25th.

The water supply of the village is good, and the quality excellent. Most of the houses are supplied from the public service, and some few from pumps. As the latter wear out the public service is laid on, so that in a few more years the ordinary pump will be extinct in the village.

The removal of the night-soil and house refuse is carried on by public scavengers once or twice a week as required. The refuse is at once carted away and distributed on the land outside the village.

The slaughter-houses are eight in number, all being registered and supplied with plenty of good water, and are kept in good condition. Where it was found needful for alterations to be made the tenants have complied with the orders of the Council.

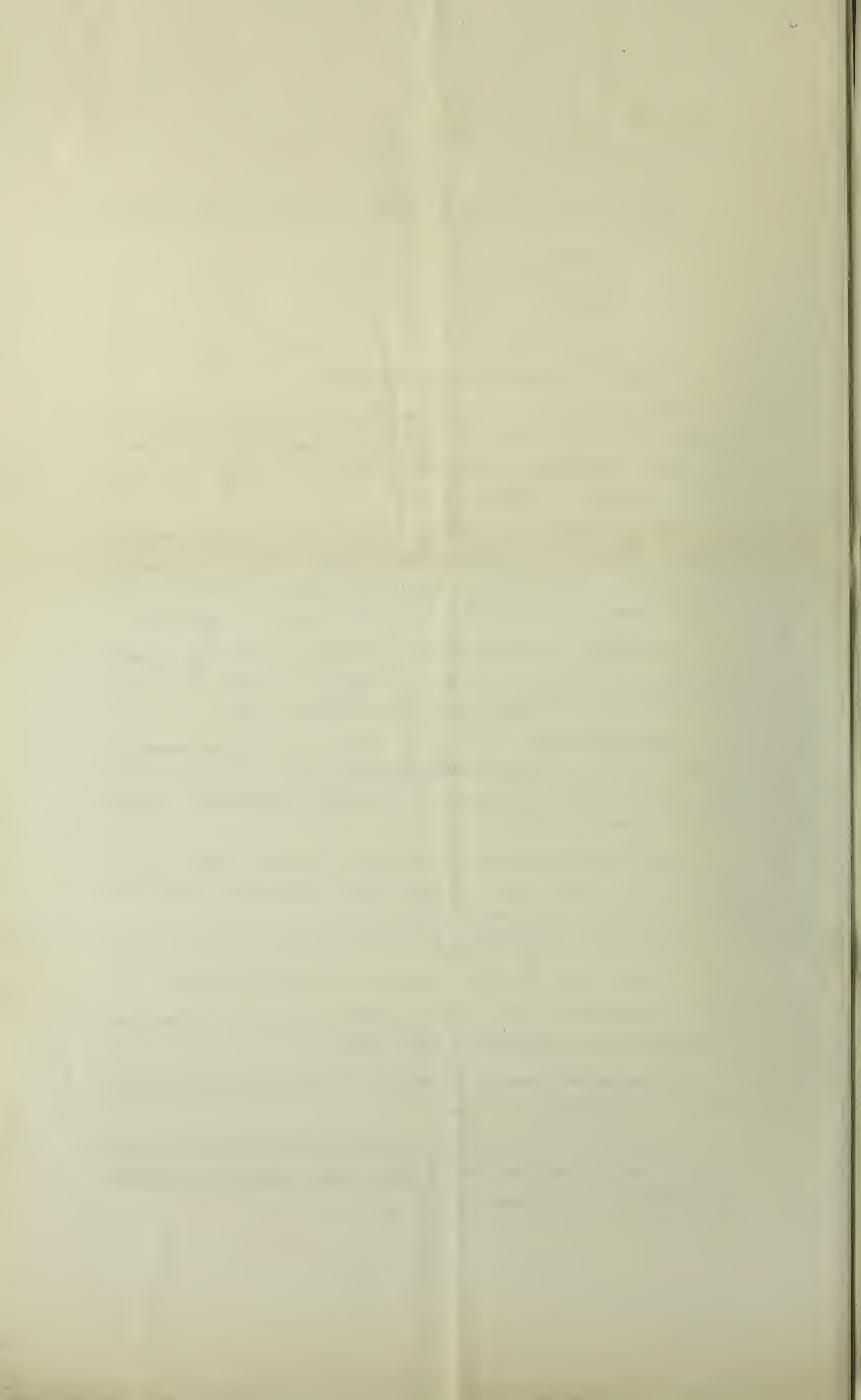
There are in your district 58 registered cowsheds. These are considerably better kept than a few years ago. The class of animal now kept is far better than in previous years.

The bake-houses, eight in number, are all above ground, are all retail, are well suited to the purpose, and are in a satisfactory condition.

The carpenters' shops, seven in number, are all well lighted and ventilated, and are satisfactory in every respect.

The blacksmiths' shops, six in number, are well suited for the purpose, and are in a satisfactory condition.

The milliners' and dressmakers' business premises, eight in number, are in a sanitary condition, the air space being sufficient, the drainage good. There is no overcrowding.



The other businesses which come under the head of the "Factory and Workshops Act," viz.:—

Plumbers' Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Hairdressers' Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Drapers' Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Tailors' Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Shoemakers' Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

are all in a satisfactory condition and suitable for the purpose.

With regard to Dunswell the drainage has been greatly improved, but a certain amount of sewage accumulates in a field and seldom if ever finds a way out. This stagnant sewage must be detrimental to the inhabitants near. I suggest that this sewage be cleared away from time to time as required.

The water is good and plentiful; there has been one pump during the last year the water of which was found on examination to be contaminated; the owner has had the matter rectified.

The cowsheds, though far from being of the most improved construction, are kept in a satisfactory condition.

The carpenter's shop and smithy are satisfactory, and well suited for the purpose for which they are used.

I wish to call the attention of the Council to the want of some suitable place as a temporary shelter in case of any infectious disease breaking out, where persons can be isolated until the necessary arrangements can be made for removal to a sanatorium or smallpox hospital.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

GEO. H. WATSON,

Medical Officer of Health.

COTTINGHAM,

February 24th, 1908.

